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To Whom It May Concern:

I am inquiring about a tutoring position with your agency. I am very interested in being considered for any position in Special Education K-6th for the coming school year. I have had many diverse and varied classroom experiences and am eager to have an opportunity to meet with you. My experiences have taken me through grades Kindergarten – 9th, in typical classrooms and in the many types of classrooms available for children with alternative learning capabilities. I feel that now is truly an exciting time for teaching.

Educators like myself are differentiating their lessons to meet the needs of all their learners and this not only encourages greater pupil participation but creates greater possibilities for success. I believe that when children feel successful they continue growing and learning.

Currently I am teaching 4th grade in a self-contained classroom in NYC. My students are diverse in their learning potential and degree of disability. They each have strengths and weaknesses that are addressed on a daily basis. Through our daily routines, each child feels a sense of “can do”. Our class motto is, “We are readers and leaders”. Working extensively with a support staff and with the goals of each child’s IEP in mind, the instruction is truly differentiated. Previously I taught self-contained kindergarten and general kindergarten.

A former experience I had took me to a private school for children with Autism. At this school I learned to utilize the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis, Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans and used token systems to help manage behavior. This position also afforded me time in several public school settings; where I assisted our students as a collaborating teacher in general and self-contained education classes.

Furthermore, from 2002-2007 I worked almost daily as a substitute teacher in the Wantagh School District, as well as a private tutor for students in grades K-9th. These experiences were priceless, as they allowed me countless wonderful opportunities in many different school settings. The experiences included; several long term assignments in the general education and special education classrooms, including self-contained, inclusion/collaborative, and resource room.

In addition, I was a private home tutor for 25 years. Lastly, I received ABA training from ALL ABOUT KIDS in Plainview.

Please consider my application for employment. I look forward to a reply at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

AnnMarie O’Neil